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- 1. USIC SKOPJE DIRECTOR SHEPARD REPORTS EXPLOSIVE DEVICE SET OFF IN FRENCH CULTURAL CENTER SKOPJE JUNE 24 AT 2010, AFTER CENTER CLOSED. BOMB FASHIONED OUT OF ANTI-TANK SHELLS EXPLODED IN OFFICE OF DIRECTOR WITH SERIOUS DAMAGE INFLICTED IN OFFICE. NO CASUALTIES, NO APPARENT MOTIVATION. MACEDONIAN AUTHORITIES INVESTIGATING.
- 2. SHEPARD IN TOUCH WITH REPUBLIC INTERNAL AFFAIRS TO ASSURE ADEQUATE SECURITY FOR USIC. OTHER USICS INFORMED.
- 3. FRENCH EMBASSY REPORTS IT HAS NO IDEA ON MOTIVATION FOR BOMBING. FRENCH AMBASSADOR CALLED ON FOREIGN SECRETARIAT TODAY REQUESTING INVESTIGATION. GOY REQUESTING NEWS BLACKOUT FOR 48 HOURS. AFP REPRESENTATIVE GIVEN STORY WITH REQUEST FOR EMBARGO WHICH APPARENTLY NOT OBSERVED. FRENCH EMBASSY OFFICER INDICATES DIFFICULTY KEEPING STORY UNDER WRAPS.
- 4. WILL PROVIDE FURTHER INFORMATION AS IT DEVELOPS. JOHNSON

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